

**Youth Committee Meeting
 USATF San Diego – Imperial Association
 October 2, 2012
 7:00 PM**

Present: Michael Adkins (Chair) and representing ('N STEP), Mike Mena (San Diego SoCal RoadRunners), Jeanette Mena (San Diego SoCal RoadRunners), Erl Cabanas (Team Edge), Marcus Sims (San Diego Cheetahs), Elizabeth Tate, Flo Jo International, Chris Butler (Speed To Burn), Kimberly Harris Williams (San Diego Cheetahs), Hector Menchaca (San Diego Waves), Tracy E. Thompson (Mercury San Diego), Paula Tanner (San Diego Cheetahs), Dan Prince (San Diego Cheetahs); Guest: Councilman Rudy Ramirez (Chula Vista)

<p>Call To Order</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order by the Youth Chair at 7:06PM.
<p>Cross Country Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association Championships • Regional Championships • San Diego SoCal RoadRunners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Chair appointed Coach M. Mena as the Meet Director of the 2012 Association Cross Country Junior Olympic Championships. Coach J. Mena will assist with all the data entry and day of the meet issues. • The Meet was held at Kit Carson Park in Escondido beginning at 8:00AM. The Youth Chair will work with Coach Mena on the sanction and insurance requirements as awards. • Coach Jeanette and Mike requested assistance with the meet. Coach Marcus offered at least 10 volunteers. • Volunteers should be present by 7:30AM. Assistance is needed at the start line, finish line, clean up and as marshals on the course. The SD SoCal RoadRunners will take care of the set-up of the course. • The Youth Chair gave an update on the 2012 Regional Junior Olympic Championships. A conference call will be held to determine where the regional cross country meet will be held. The Nevada Association filed a complaint over the summer to the National Executive Committee as they believe they were wronged by the Regional Coordinator who awarded the meet to the Southern California Association. During the National Junior Olympic Meet, the National Youth Committee determined to send the matter back to the region for resolution. The three region's youth chairs along with the Regional Coordinator, the Zone Representative as well as a national officer are to have a conference call to resolve this matter. • The Youth Chair shared with the committee his comments given to the Zone Representative in late July, which supports the Nevada Association position based upon an email that was produced by the Nevada Association president. The Youth Chair shared concerns about the Nevada Association's actual participants was a concern, but should not be the definitive factor. • Members of the Youth Committee expressed concerns about the low numbers of participants that Nevada has had over the last four or five years. Members requested the Youth Chair address during the call if a site has been selected, will the meet be held in a safe environment and is there sufficient help to put on the regional meet? • The San Diego SoCal RoadRunners will hold their annual meet on November 4th at Kit Carson Park in Escondido. The meet will begin at 8:00AM.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Chair is hopeful next year that we can add to our local cross country meet schedule next year. The chair noted we have a new team, the San Diego Wave, which is participating in cross country. Coach J. Mena offered to help teams learn about putting on a cross country meet.
USATF Background Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Chair informed member coaches when registering their clubs for the 2013, the San Diego Imperial Board passed a motion at the August 2013 meeting that no team will be allowed to register their club without their coaches having submitted to a background check. • The National Youth Division Chair recently put out a message via email explaining new changes to the program. • Background checks must be done annually. Coaches, parents, volunteers or interested persons can visit the USATF website to see which persons are listed as having cleared a background check. • The Youth Chair proposed the Youth Committee pay for background checks for association coaches. <i>Coach Tate motioned the Youth Committee reimburse the \$8 fee to coaches who complete the USATF background check and pay for the fee for youth coaches to become certified officials.</i> Coach Sims seconded the motion. During debate, the official certification fee was reported to be \$15. Coaches would receive reimbursement within two weeks of notification they have complied with the background requirements and are officially recognized as a certified official.
Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association • National 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Chair provided a review of the Association Annual Meeting held on September 27th. The slate of officers that were nominated was all elected. There were no nominations from the floor. The President appointed a new Men’s Track & Field Chair. All other sports chair remained in their positions. • An amendment to the by-laws was adopted which calls for members requesting an election for a sport chair must do so 45 days prior to the annual meeting, which is held the 3rd Wednesday in the month of September. The election must be held before the annual meeting. The 30 days election notice requirement still remains in effect. • The National Annual Meeting is coming up, November 28 – December 2, 2013 in Daytona Beach, Florida. The Youth Committee on a motion by Coach Thompson and seconded by Coach M. Mena approved Youth Committee funds be spent to send the Youth Chair or designee and one other member of which should represent track or cross country. The Youth Committee will reimburse expenditures for airfare, hotel, registration and car. The motion carried unanimously with all present voting in the affirmative.
Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Butler inquired about the status of the Youth Committee purchasing a timing system. Coach Mena reported he had

	<p>previously advised members to go to Flash Timing and Eagle Eye websites where they could see a demo of the system. This item will be placed back on the agenda with all encouraged to review the websites.</p>
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 Track & Field Schedule • Officials- Youth Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to requesting dates for the 2013 Track & Field Season, Chula Vista City Councilman Rudy Ramirez addressed the committee about its involvement with the International Friendship Games (IFG). The City of has hosted the IFG for the past five years. The Councilman wants track and field to be a regular part of the IFG. Coach Stewart Payne, a Chula Vista resident has served as the track and field organizer. Mater Dei HS in Chula Vista will be the site. The IFG has become a big bi-national event with athletes from Mexico competing in track and field and other sports like basketball, softball, and soccer. The IFG covers the cost of the facilities, provides tee shirts and food. Councilman Ramirez wanted to get an idea from the Committee as to ideal time to host the meet. He proposed June 8, 2013; however, the Youth Chair noted that date was in conflict with the Association Championships. Coach Sims suggested having the meet prior to the Regional Championships as after that time the local participation drops off. Other dates beyond the Regional Meet are an option, but the attendance would likely not be as strong. After considerable discussion, June 1, 2013 was settled upon as a possible date. The Youth Chair noted there might be dates available in May; however, no commitment could be made at this time. The Youth Chair will inform Councilman Ramirez if other dates are available. Councilman Ramirez will check will Mater Dei HS to see if June 1st is available. • In advance of setting the schedule, Coach Sims proposed teams desiring to put on a meet should be present and participate at Youth Committee Meetings. His comments were put into a motion offered by Paula Tanner, which was seconded by Coach Tate. The motion which was amended with suggested language by Coach Sims and Cooch Cabanas was as follows: <i>A club requesting to hold a meet in 2013, must be represented by a head coach, assistant coach or parent who are duly registered as a USATF member must attend the next Youth Committee Meeting on October 30, 2012 and at least three consecutive meetings for the meet to remain on the 2013 San Diego Imperial Association calendar.</i> After debate, the motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative with Coach Thompson opposed. The Youth Chair noted this stipulation applies to all who are on the 2013 calendar. Guidelines for requesting a meet will be addressed in by-laws that have yet to be drafted but are expected to be in place prior to the 2014 track season.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following 2013 dates were proposed and accepted by the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 16 San Diego SoCal RoadRunners ○ March 23 Mercury San Diego ○ March 30 Hershey Qualifying Meet ○ April 6 San Diego Cheetahs ○ April 13-14 Flo Jo International ○ April 20 OPEN ○ April 27 San Diego SoCal RoadRunners ○ May 4-5 Mercury San Diego ○ May 11 ‘N STEP ○ May 18 OPEN ○ May 25-26 San Diego Cheetahs ○ June 2 International Friendship Games ○ June 9-10 Assn. Junior Olympic Championships ○ June 22-24 Regional Junior Olympic Championships ○ June 25- July 1 Youth Nationals Championships ○ July 6-7 Regional Multi Events Championships ○ July 22- 28 National JO Championships • Coach Tate agreed to hold a youth focused officials clinic. This clinic is in addition to the clinic sponsored by the local Officials Association, which is traditionally held the third weekend in January. The youth clinic will be held on February 17, 2013, 9AM at Orange Glen High School.
<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnie Robinson • Next Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Tate reported Arnie Robinson has had some recent serious health issues. She requests our prayers. Get well cards are appreciated and can be sent to 375 Patten St. San Diego, CA 92114-5615. Please no visitors at this time. • The next Youth Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 7PM at Orange Glen High School.
<p><i>ADJOURNMENT</i></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Coach J. Mena seconded by Coach Cabanas with all present voting in the affirmative at 9:15PM.</p>	
<p>Distribution</p>	<p>USATF Member Teams, Jay Beltz, Association President, and Lish Bache, Webmaster</p>